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In re Application of: Chandler, et al.

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For: PRECISION CONTINUOUS SURFACE)
GUIDED OPTICAL MODULE CARRIER)
AND METHOD OF USING SAME)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior applications: Serial No. 09/144,434 filed September 1, 1998, of which Applicants rely upon for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies this document as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under



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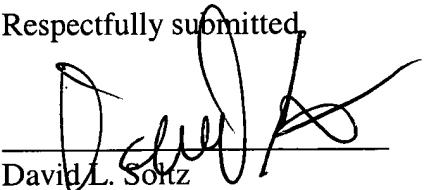
United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

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